



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 116th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 166

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

No. 159

House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 15, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m.

CASEY COUNTY FLOODING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage this body to keep Casey County, Kentucky, in your thoughts and prayers.

On Sunday, the community experienced flooding that impacted multiple businesses, roads and homes in the area.

This is not the first time the community has experienced flood waters, with the "great flood" that occurred in 2010.

The community came together during that flood, and I know they will once again unite to tackle this tremendous challenge.

Casey County is a resilient community where people look out for each other and help their neighbors in times of need. As they continue to weather this challenge, I would like to encourage anyone in or around Casey County to reach out to my office for any assistance they may need moving forward.

HONORING TOMMY WILLETT

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear friend, political teacher, community leader, and statesman, Tommy Willett, who passed away on September 8.

Tommy served as my Monroe County Judge/Executive from 2011 to 2018. Under his steady leadership, Monroe County saw unique and unprecedented cooperation among various elected officials, which was clearly reflected in his running unopposed for reelection on 2014.

I knew Tommy Willett my entire life. He owned Pure Drug Pharmacy in Tompkinsville and was always active in the world-famous Monroe County political scene. As a young, aspiring candidate for public office, Tommy took me under his wing and taught me so much about grass-roots organization, political strategy, and get-out-to-vote techniques.

Tommy's beloved wife, Elizabeth Young Willett, preceded him in death. Ms. Willett was my high school English teacher, and one of the best ever at Monroe County High School. Tommy is survived by his two, fine sons, James and Scott Willett.

Judge Willett lived a life of public service and professional achievement. He was a true Monroe County success story who will be deeply missed.

HONORING DR. LEANN DALTON COOPER

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Leann Dalton Cooper,

who has been selected by the Kentucky Family Medicine as the State's top, young doctor. She is a native of Russell County and a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. For the past 3 years, she has practiced medicine in Russell County. Dr. Cooper will receive the award at a ceremony in Louisville on September 25.

Mr. Speaker, I join with everyone in Russell County and throughout the Commonwealth in honoring her on this outstanding statewide achievement.

HONORING SENIOR CENTERS

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the valuable services that our senior centers in Kentucky are providing for senior citizens throughout the First Congressional District.

Along with essential workers, senior centers have provided crucial services to our elderly populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the country has learned to adapt to different times, senior centers have also modified their services. For instance, the Union County Senior Services organization had to cancel potlucks, exercise classes, and bingo sessions. While those in-person activities were unfortunately suspended, the dedicated servants who make up this organization dramatically increased options for home delivery and meal pickup for area residents.

In addition to providing meals, the Union County Senior Services also distributes food grocery items for the senior citizens. Just recently, they even hit a tremendous milestone of 15,000 meals prepared since the beginning of the pandemic. Their tremendous contributions have been replicated in the entire region, showing that Kentuckians truly have each other's backs during times of need.

As a lead Republican cosponsor of the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020, I understand the critical services

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H4385